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SUBJ: DETA AIRLINE FLIGHTS TO KARACHI AND TANANARIVE

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1. DETA AIRLINES (WHICH IS STILL IN PROCESS REORGANIZATION AS MIXED STATE-PRIVATE COMPANY RATHER THAN GOVERNMENT AGENCY) IS GOING AHEAD WITH PLANS INAUGURATE SERVICE TO TANANARIVE AND KARACHI, ACCORDING LOCAL BOEING REPRESENTATIVE. KARACHI WILL USE BOEING 707. PORTUGUESE TAP AIRLINES WILL SUPPLY AIRCRAFT TO DETA ON CHARTER, AT FIRST INCLUDING CREWS (EXCEPT FOR CABIN STAFF) AND LATER PROVIDING AIRPLANE ALONE; ULTIMATELY TAP HOPEFULLY WILL HELP DETA PURCHASE BOEING 707 FOR ITSELF.

2. ACCORDING BOEING REP, MALAGASY AVIATION AUTHORITIES ANXIOUS HAVE DETA INAUGURATE SERVICE TO MADAGASCAR, WITH CONCOMITANT DETA ASSUMPTION OF SERVICING OF MADAGASCAR AIRLINES' OWN BOEING 737S. PORTUGUESE GOVT HAS AUTHORIZED DETA TO FLY THE ROUTE. REPORTEDLY, MALAGASY AUTHORITIES, THOUGH
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NOT OVERLY FOND OF PORTUGAL, ARE STILL VERY ANXIOUS ON POLITICAL GROUNDS TO END PRESENT SERVICING OF THEIR PLANES BY

SOUTH AFRICA.

3. DETA EXPECTS TO RECEIVE ITS FOURTH BOEING 737 IN JULY, WHICH WILL FACILITATE EXPANSION OF ROUTE TO TANANARIVE, AS PRESENT THREE PLANES BEING USED FULLY ON EXISTING ROUTES.

4. COMMENT: TAP IS TO ACQUIRE AN INTEREST IN THE REORGANIZED DETA COMPANY, AND THIS IS SUPPOSED TO MAKE IT MORE RECEPTIVE TO EXTENSION DETA'S INTERNATIONAL ROUTES. EVEN SO, THERE SEEMS TO BE LITTLE LOVE LOST BETWEEN DETA AND TAP, AND DETA (AND MOZAMBIQUE GOVT) CAN BE COUNTED ON TO TRY TO PRESERVE DETA'S AUTONOMY AS A MOZAMBIQUE-ORIENTED ORGANIZATION. DESIRE TO DO SO WILL BE HEIGHTENED BY STORY CIRCULATING HERE (WHICH MAY WELL BE PREJUDICED) THAT REORGANIZATION OF ANGOLA'S DTA RPT DTA AIRLINES HAS AMOUNTED TO VIRTUAL TAP TAKEOVER.
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